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SUBJECT:HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION-TURKISH OBJECTION TO
GENOCIDE REPORT

REF: USUN 738

1. WHILE WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF REFERENCE TO GENOCIDE
AGAINST ARMENIANS WHICH APPEARS IN PROGRESS REPORT OF HRC
SUB-COMMISSION (REFTEL), WE BELIEVE THAT THE US SHOULD TRY TO
BEND ITS POSITION A LITTLE MORE TO THE TURKISH SIDE THAN HAS SO
FAR BEEN PROPOSED. ONE MAJOR REASON IS THE FACT THAT MEMORIES IN
TURKEY ARE STILL FRESH OVER THE 1973 MURDERS OF THE TURKISH
CONSUL GENERAL AND THE TURKISH CONSUL IN LOS ANGELES BY AN
AMERICAN OF ARMENIAN ORIGIN. ANOTHER REASON IS THAT
THE TURKS ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT THIS YEAR'S COMMEMORATION
OF THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES BY ARMENIAN COMMUNITIES
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL BE ON A MORE IMPRESSIVE SCALE
THAN IN LAST FEW YEARS.

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2. IN ADDITION, AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO PERSUADE
THE TURKS TO EXHIBIT SOME APPRECIATION OF OUR POSITION
ON THE OPIUM ISSUE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SHOW SOME
UNDERSTANDING FOR A POSITION ON WHICH TURKISH EMOTIONS HAVE
CHARACTERISTICALLY RUN HIGH.

3. IN LISTING THESE FACTORS, WE DO NOT WISH TO COMPROMISE
THE USG POSITION ON WIDER ISSUES OF GENOCIDE.
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